Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Inasmuch as there has been a specific reference to this subject in the Hon'ble the Diwan President's address yesterday about the difficulties Government are confronted with in leaving the agriculturists with the present debts and trying to make the Land Mortgage Bank to advance the money for them and the Debt Conciliation system has been introduced with a view to help the agriculturists in that line will the Government kindly see whether the adoption of the Travancore method in our system would help the Government in realising this laudable object of theirs?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—That question has been already answered. Without changing the present Act, as it stands, it is not possible to consider the suggestion thrown by the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Will the Hon'ble Member kindly place a copy of the Travancore Regulation on the table to-morrow?

Mr. President.—I do not think Government is bound to do that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether the Government has any information regarding the actual number of applications received by this Board?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—About 94 applications have been received by the Board.

Hospitals—dietary charges—information regarding.

45. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the amount of dietary charges (average) per head in the hospitals of the State;

(b) how the same compares with similar charges in Travancore and the Madras Presidency?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—(a) Daily average cost of diet per head for Medam 1112 is given in the statement appended. *(Appendix III.)*

(b) The figures of the hospitals in Travancore and Madras Presidency are not available.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether there is any particular significance for giving

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the information regarding Medam 1112 regarding the average dietary charges per head?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—There is no special significance. It is taken for the month that is latest.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether the average given is more or less the average for the other months of the year?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know how the biggest figure of this State viz. 3 annas 4 pies compares with the dietary charges in the Madras hospital?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—I have already said that dietary charges in Madras and Travancore are not available.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether Government have not got the Administration Reports of the Medical Department of Madras with them?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—We have got only the scale of diet that is prevailing in Madras which is better than the scale of diet in Cochin.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know approximately what the scale is?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—It differs with different diets.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, the highest and lowest figures?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—The highest will come to 6 annas.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—And the lowest?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—The lowest can be anything the patient can be given, say just half a bottle of milk.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—How do you get the average?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—The total cost of dietary charges divided by the number of patients.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—It will be greater if the number of patients is less.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—It depends upon what is prescribed for the patient.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Is the Government of opinion that the dietary charges of our hospitals is anything satisfactory?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—Government is not of opinion that it is satisfactory. It is not possible with the funds at our disposal to spend more for dietary charges like the hospitals in Madras.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Does the Government realise that our dietary charges are completely meagre?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—They are not very great. That is all what can be said.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—In the Mala dispensary I see that 11 pies is spent. Is 11 pies sufficient for a patient?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—They must have been given kanji.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Is it because that kanji is to be given to them?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—The provision that was given to that dispensary was mostly spent due to indiscretion on the part of the medical officer in the early part of the year.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Has action been taken on the medical officer for his indiscretion?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—He is now not in the department. He has gone on study leave.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി *(Muslims).*— മാള ഡിസ്പെൻസറിയിൽ എത്ര ബെഡുണ്ട്?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—About 15 to 20 patients.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether the allotment to each of the hospitals and dispensaries mentioned is not made with reference to the number of beds allowed for the institution?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether it is not the experience of the Government that the number actually admitted and treated goes far in excess of the number allotted?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—Yes. It is so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Are we to understand that the dietary charges granted to various institutions for a fixed number of patients is distributed among a large number of patients that resort to these institutions?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer).*—Yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി *(Trichur South).*— അപ്പൻറിക്സിൽ മുളന്തുരുത്തി, പുതുക്കാട് ഈ ഡിസ്പെൻസറികളിൽ ഡയറൻറി ചാർജ് വളരെ കൂടുതലായി കാണുന്നുണ്ട്. അവിടെ അങ്ങിനെ കൂടുതലായിട്ട് കാണുന്നതിൽ വല്ല പ്രത്യേക കാരണങ്ങളുമുണ്ടോ?

ഡാക്ടർ ഡി. രാഘവേന്ദ്രറാവു *(Chief Medical Officer).*— ആ ഡിസ്പെൻസറികളിൽ ടൈഫോയിഡു പിടിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ആളുകൾ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കും. അവർക്ക് പാലു കൊടുക്കണം. പാലു കൊടുത്താൽ പണം അധികമാകും.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി *(Trichur South).*— കഴിഞ്ഞ മേടമാസത്തിൽ അധികം ടൈഫോയിഡുകാർ അവിടെയുണ്ടായിരുന്നുവല്ലേ?

ഡാക്ടർ ഡി. രാഘവേന്ദ്രറാവു *(Chief Medical Officer).*— അതായിരിക്കണം കാരണം.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ആർ. ഇയ്യുണ്ണി *(Trichur South).*— മെറേർണിറി ഹോസ്പിറലിലും വിമൻസു ഹോസ്പിറലിലും ഡയറൻറി ചാർജ് വളരെ കുറവാണ്. സ്ത്രീകൾക്കു ഭക്ഷണം കുറച്ചു കൊടുത്താൽ മതി എന്നാണോ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നതു്?

ഡാക്ടർ ഡി. രാഘവേന്ദ്രറാവു *(Chief Medical Officer).*— അതല്ല. ആവശ്യമനുസരിച്ചാണു് ഭക്ഷണം കൊടുക്കുന്നതു്.

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APPENDIX III.

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Chittur Hospital	1 a.	3 ps.
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Mental Hospital	2 as.	2 ps.
Cranganur Hospital	2 as.	
Mulanthuruthy Dispensary	3 as.	2 ps.
Trippunittura Dispensary	2 as.	9 ps.
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Ayyampilly Dispensary	2 as.	1 p.
Chowwara Dispensary	1 a.	6 ps.
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